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Re: Tijuana River mouth SCMA

Dear Mr. Ken Wiseman,

We note that the northern boundary of the options under consideration for the Tijuana River Mouth has been moved further south to 3234.0N-1179.0W, which is approximately at the southern end of Seacoast Drive in Imperial Beach.

We appreciate this change from the previous northern boundary of 3235.0N-1179.0W because the new northern boundary is south of the area used by most beachgoers. It will also pose no restrictions on fishing, clamming, swimming, boating, surfing, and other aquatic activities north of the southern end of Seacoast Drive.

We also appreciate and support the comment, "The City of Imperial Beach would be allowed to continue their beach replenishment and maintenance program...," as long as this includes all beach replenishment activities such as placing sand or sediment on the beach and in the near-shore and surf zone areas, as well as dredging of the ocean bottom for sediment.

The "Other Proposed Regulations" also states "They will be made aware of the damage of kelp removal in beach grooming procedures." We suggest that this sentence be removed since the City does not remove kelp from the beach south of the southern end of Seacoast Drive.

In summary, we endorse the idea of the proposed Tijuana River Mouth SCMA going no further north than 3234.0N-1179.0W, which is approximately the southern end of Seacoast Drive.

Sincerely

~James C. Janney

Mayor

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